

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED BREAST IMAGING

ABSTRACT

A patient bed for use in performing procedures on a medical patient, comprising a lower layer with said lower layer permitting attachment to a conventional external base and an upper layer attached in a sliding relationship to said lower layer, said upper layer being angled upwardly relative to said lower layer to create a void between said upper layer, or patient support and said lower layer and having a pair of apertures in the patient support, said apertures permitting a patient's breast to fit through the aperture. The invention may also include a breast immobilization device comprising a first sliding compression plate and a second sliding compression plate, said compression plates sliding together to compress the breast of a medical patient by translating toward one another.